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Graduadu Foun Filafali Ona Mai Timor-Leste ho Koñesimentu no Abilidade Resente Iha Área Agrikultura

Dili, 27 January 2011 -- Helder Lopes husik hela ninia uma no hela-fatin iha Lospalos ba estuda tiha iha rai dook tebe-tebes durante tinan liubá. Nia bá estuda iha Michigan State University iha EUA, nia simu bolsu-de-estudu husi USAID nia programa Formasaun Líder ba Futuru. Sr. Lopes foin mak halo graduasaun, nia Mestradu iha Área Agrikultura, Alimentár, no Rekursus Ekonómikus. Agora, Sr. Lopes to'ó fali ona mai iha Timor-Leste hodi komesa ho ninia faze foun ba karreira servisu nian.

Nune'e mós atu finaliza ninia servisu akadémiku balu no ninia téze mestradu nian. Sr. Lopes partisipa tiha iha enkontru anuál Asosiasaun Agrikultura no Ekonomia Aplikadu nian iha fulan-Juñu. Iha Konfereénsia ne'e partisipante sira apresenta tiha projetu peskiza barak no dokumentus siénsia nian husi universidade barak iha mundu, no peritu sira-ne'ebé hala'ó diskusaun ba tópiku konferénsia nian no modu foun sira-ne'ebé mosu. Sr. Lopes dehan katak konferénsia ne'e aumenta tebes ninia koñesimentu no fó perspetivu foun ba nia sobre asuntos ekonomia globál nian.

Sr. Lopes dehan "Ha'u sente katak ha'u hetan esperiéncia ne'ebé boot tebetebes, ho valor estradináriu ba ha'u-nia karreira profesionál future nian, ba dezvoltimentu Timor-Leste". Nia dehan tan katak nia iha planu atu utiliza ligasaun profesionál barak ne'ebé nia kria ona iha konferénsia ne'e no iha Michigan State University para ajuda dezvoltolve Timor-Leste ninia setór agrikultura ne'ebé la inklui informasaun sobre dezvoltimentu ekonómiku no adaptasaun teknolojia.

Sr. Lopes nu'udar resipiente (bolseiru) ba bolsu-de-estudu ida husi USAID/Washington ninia programa Formasaun ba Líder Futuru nia. Programa ne'e ramata ona ba tinan ida-ne'e, no programa bolsu-de-edtudu foun ida ne'ebé USAID Timor-Leste mak finansia sei komesa iha tinan 2011, oferese bolsu-de-estudu ba grau akadémiku no formasaun tékniku kurtu prazu nian ba juventude Timorensen no profesionál foin-sa'e sira.

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[English version]

New Graduate Returns to Timor-Leste with Latest Agriculture Skills

Dili, 27 January 2011 -- Helder Lopes has spent the past two years a very long way from his home in Los Palos. He has been studying at Michigan State University in the U.S. on a scholarship from USAID's Training Future Leaders program. Mr. Lopes has just graduated, earning his Master's Degree in Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics. Now Mr. Lopes has come back to Timor-Leste to start a new and exciting phase in his career.

In addition to completing many hours of course work and a master's thesis, Mr. Lopes attended the annual meeting of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association in June. Participants at the conference presented a wide range of research projects and papers from universities around the world, and experts were on hand to discuss conference topics and emerging trends. Mr. Lopes said that the conference added a great deal to his knowledge and gave him fresh perspectives on global economic issues.

"I feel that I gained tremendous experience, which is extremely important for my future professional career, and for the development of Timor-Leste," Mr. Lopes said. He added that he plans to use the many professional connections he made at the conference and at Michigan State University to help develop Timor-Leste's agricultural sector with cutting edge information on economic development and technology adaptation.

Mr. Lopes is a scholarship recipient of USAID/Washington's Training Future Leaders program. The program is in its final year, and a new scholarship program funded by USAID Timor-Leste will start in 2011, offering scholarships for academic degrees and short-term technical training to Timorese youth and young professionals.

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